

WISCONSIN ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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WISCONSIN DATA AND SOURCES

INDICATOR	SOURCES
L1 Composite Index of Leading Indicators	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
L2 Average Work Week, Manufacturing	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
L3 Average Overtime Hours, Mfg.	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
L4 Average Weekly Initial Claims	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
L5 Total Job Openings Received	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
L6 New Business Incorporations	Wisconsin Secretary of State
L7 Net Gain in Business Phone Access Lines	Wi. Telephone Co. and General Telephone Co.
L8 Building Plans Examined	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
C1 Help-Wanted Advertising Index (Milw.)	National Industrial Conference Board
C2 Total Unemployment Rate	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
C3 Natural Gas Sales	Wisconsin Public Service Commission
C4 New Car Registrations	Wi. Dept. of Transportation
C5 Electric Power Sales	Wisconsin Public Service Commission
C6 Total Security Registrations	Wisconsin Commissioner of Securities
C7 Manufacturing Employment	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
C8 Average Weekly Earnings, Mfg.	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
C9 Cash Receipts From Farm Marketing	U.S. Department of Agriculture
C10 Contract Construction Employment	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
X1 Birth Registrations	Wi. Dept. of Health and Social Services
X2 Death Registrations	Wi. Dept. of Health and Social Services
X3 Natural Net Gain in Population	Wi. Dept. of Health and Social Services
X4 Marriage Registrations	Wi. Dept. of Health and Social Services
X5 Consumer Price Index (Milwaukee)	U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
X6 Index of Prices Received By Farmers	Wisconsin Department of Agriculture
X7 Net Gain in Residential Phone Access Lines	Wi. Telephone Co. and General Telephone Co.
X8 Labor Disputes, No. of Workers	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
X9 Unemployment Compensation Exhaustees	Wi. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations

NOTES: Selected series are seasonally adjusted by the Bureau of the Census X-11 Variant of the census Method 11 Seasonal Adjustment Program.

SECTION A is a summary of recent data and current changes for all indicators and is presented in chart form. The indicators are presented with cyclical timing as the principle basis of classification.

SECTION B is a summary of Wisconsin Labor Force Estimates, including Employment, Unemployment and Unemployment Rates, and selected U.S. data.

SECTION C analyzes the Wisconsin labor force by industry and by specified Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

SECTION D singles out certain economic time series as being leading or coinciding in relation to movements in aggregate economic activity. They are seasonally adjusted and presented graphically.

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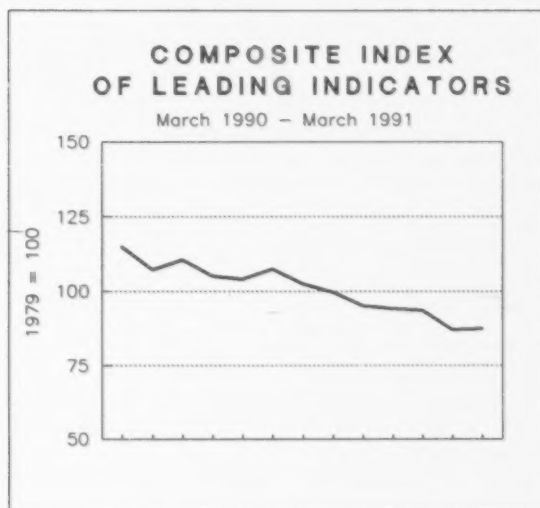
SUMMARY FOR MARCH

COMPOSITE INDEX

The Composite Index of Wisconsin's leading economic indicators increased by 0.4 percentage points in March. The index level is now 87.6 points.

The movement of individual leading indicators was mixed this month, but those showing negative movement had low amounts of change.

Providing the most growth in the index were a relatively mild decrease in business telephone access lines, and a strong growth in the number of commercial and industrial building plans examined.



LEADING INDICATORS

Production workers in Wisconsin's factories worked fewer hours per week in March than in the previous month. The average workweek in March amounted to 40.7 hours, down 0.1 of an hour. The normal February-to-March trend is no change and this month's decrease is slight.

If overtime in manufacturing is subtracted from the average workweek, the average "straight" time per week increased. Average weekly overtime for production workers decreased by 0.2 hours in March. About half of the decline is a normal seasonal trend.

The average number of weekly initial claims for unemployment compensation decreased by 578 during March. The claims average includes laid off workers of all industries. A decrease in the initial claims average is normal in March. The normal seasonal pattern for this month is a decrease of 686 claims.

The number of job openings received by public Job Service offices in Wisconsin increased by 964 this month. The openings received number rose to 4935. Employers' calls for workers usually do increase at this time. In the previous five years, the monthly growth in openings averaged 1349 in March.

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The number of new business incorporations rose by 23 to 605 for March. One year ago, new incorporations had increased by 183 to reach 746 for the month.

The net gain in business telephone access lines slipped by 59 in March. That, however, is a mild decrease. A decrease of about 115 would have been normal for this month. Thus, the trend is up.

The number of building plans examined increased by 113 to a total of 450 for March. The plans examined figure usually does increase this month, but this March's growth exceeds the normal seasonal trend ... about three-quarters of the growth is due to seasonal factors.

LABOR FORCE

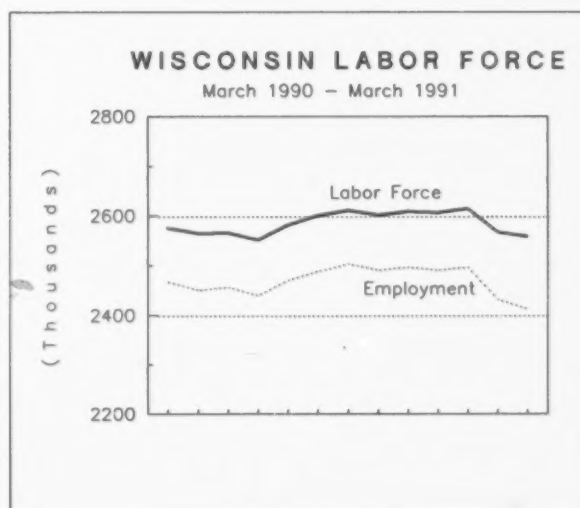
The total employment level throughout Wisconsin decreased by slightly more than 11,000 in March. March's decrease is much more modest than the declines in January and February, which both amounted to over 50,000.

Manufacturing employment decreased by 1,700 in March and the employment level is now 540,600. One year ago, manufacturing employment numbered 551,700. In the previous five years, manufacturing

employment has grown by an average 2,500 during the February-to-March period.

Unemployed workers in the state numbered over 170,000 in March, an increase of over 10,000 from on month earlier. The growth in unemployment has slowed ... unemployment increases in the previous two months were both over 20,000.

The number of both those working and those actively seeking jobs, the labor force, changed little in March. This month's labor force declined to 2,535,400 members, a decline of 800, a mild decline compared to the previous two months.



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WISCONSIN ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Unit	Monthly Series			% Change		Avg.	
		Latest Month	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	1990	
LEADING INDICATORS								
L1 COMPOSITE INDEX OF LEADING INDICATORS								
Seasonally Adjusted	Index	MAR p	87.6	87.2	115.0	0.5%	-23.8%	104.6
L2 AVG. WORK WEEK, MFG.								
Unadjusted	Hours	MAR	40.7	40.8	41.5	-0.2%	-1.9%	41.4
Seasonally Adjusted			40.9	41.0	41.7	-0.2%	-1.9%	
L3 AVG. OVERTIME HOURS, MFG.								
Unadjusted	Hours	MAR	3.2	3.4	3.9	-5.9%	-17.9%	3.9
Seasonally Adjusted			3.4	3.5	4.1	-2.9%	-17.1%	
L4 AVG. WEEKLY INITIAL CLAIMS								
Unadjusted	Number	MAR	10,875	11,453	7,667	-5.0%	41.8%	8671
Seasonally Adjusted			11,177	11,066	7,882	1.0%	41.8%	
L5 TOTAL JOB OPENINGS RECEIVED								
Unadjusted	Number	MAR	4935	3971	7223	24.3%	-31.7%	6962
Seasonally Adjusted			5119	5218	7496	-1.9%	-31.7%	
L6 NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS								
Unadjusted	Number	MAR	605	582	746	4.0%	-18.9%	604
Seasonally Adjusted			522	620	644	-15.8%	-18.9%	
L7 NET GAIN IN BUSINESS TELEPHONE ACCESS LINES								
Unadjusted	Number	MAR p	2578	2637	3102	-2.2%	-16.9%	2587
Seasonally Adjusted			2347	2291	3008	2.4%	-22.0%	
L8 BUILDING PLANS EXAMINED								
Unadjusted	Number	MAR	450	337	644	33.5%	-30.1%	612
Seasonally Adjusted			537	510	769	5.3%	-30.2%	
COINCIDING INDICATORS								
C1 HELP-WANTED INDEX (MILW.)								
Seasonally Adjusted	Index	JAN	53	58	77	-8.6%	-31.2%	
C2 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, TOTAL								
Unadjusted	Percent	MAR	6.7	6.3	5.0	.....	.....	4.4
Seasonally Adjusted			5.7	5.3	4.2	.....	.....	
C3 NATURAL GAS SALES								
Unadjusted	Mil.	FEB	330.3	439.0	320.3	-24.8%	3.1%	188.8
Seasonally Adjusted	Therms		180.4	235.0	174.9	-23.2%	3.1%	
C4 NEW CAR REGISTRATIONS								
Unadjusted	Number	MAR	11,363	9,245	10,913	22.9%	4.1%	13,685
Seasonally Adjusted			13,066	10,823	12,550	20.7%	4.1%	
C5 ELECTRIC POWER SALES								
Unadjusted	Mil.	FEB	3385.7	3935.1	3370.9	-14.0%	0.4%	3504.1
Seasonally Adjusted	KWH		3579.0	3935.1	3562.9	-9.0%	0.5%	
C6 TOTAL SECURITIES REGISTRATIONS								
Unadjusted	Mil. \$	JAN	76.5	198.3	42.9	-61.4%	78.3%	131.5
Seasonally Adjusted			71.1	179.3	39.9	-60.3%	78.2%	

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	Unit	Monthly Series			% Change		Avg. 1990
		Latest Month	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	
C7 MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT							
Unadjusted	Thous.	MAR 540.6	542.3	551.7	-0.3%	-2.0%	556.6
Seasonally Adjusted		549.9	552.8	561.0	-0.5%	-2.0%	
C8 AVG. WEEKLY EARNINGS, MFG.							
Unadjusted	Dollars	MAR \$462.76	\$462.67	\$460.24	0.0%	0.5%	\$446.49
Seasonally Adjusted		\$463.22	\$460.37	\$460.56	0.6%	0.6%	
C9 CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARM MKTG.							
Unadjusted	Mil. \$	JAN 393.5	434.3	477.5	-9.4%	-17.6%	456.8
Seasonally Adjusted		380.9	398.7	462.3	-4.5%	-17.6%	
C10 CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION EMPL.							
Unadjusted	Thous.	MAR 69.8	68.0	72.2	2.6%	-3.3%	80.8
Seasonally Adjusted		84.2	84.8	87.1	-0.7%	-3.3%	
OTHER KEY INDICATORS							
X1 BIRTH REGISTRATIONS							
Unadjusted	Number	MAR 5856	5338	6038	9.7%	-3.0%	5761
Seasonally Adjusted		5921	5971	6103	-0.8%	-3.0%	
X2 DEATH REGISTRATIONS							
Unadjusted	Number	MAR 3649	3457	3615	5.6%	0.9%	3425
Seasonally Adjusted		3472	3430	3440	1.2%	0.9%	
X3 NATURAL NET GAIN POPULATION							
Unadjusted	Number	MAR 2207	1881	2423	17.3%	-8.9%	2336
Seasonally Adjusted		2306	2657	2533	-13.2%	-9.0%	
X4 MARRIAGE REGISTRATIONS							
Unadjusted	Number	MAR 1470	1608	1502	-8.6%	-2.1%	3353
Seasonally Adjusted		2821	3421	2885	-17.5%	-2.2%	
X5 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX		(Dec '90)	(Jun '90)	(Dec '89)			
Unadjusted (1982-1984 = 100)	Index	MAR 128.6	123.9	121.2	3.8%	6.1%	120.8
X6 PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS							
Unadjusted	Index	MAR 138	137	154	0.7%	-10.4%	149
Seasonally Adjusted		141	138	157	2.2%	-10.2%	
X7 NET GAIN IN RESIDENTIAL TELEPHONE ACCESS LINES							
Unadjusted	Number	MAR p 2736	1254	3551	118.2%	-23.0%	1853
Seasonally Adjusted		2820	2676	2268	5.4%	24.3%	
X8 LABOR DISPUTES, NO. OF WORKERS							
Unadjusted	Number	MAR 130	130	371	0.0%	-65.0%	375
Seasonally Adjusted		102	297	291	-65.7%	-64.9%	
X9 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXHAUSTEES							
Unadjusted	Number	MAR 10,056	10,047	10,780	0.1%	-6.7%	10436
Seasonally Adjusted		10,086	10,850	10,813	-7.0%	-6.7%	

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LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES MARCH	(In Thousands)			% Change	
	Latest Month	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago
Unadjusted					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	2535.4	2536.2	2544.2	-0.0%	-0.3%
Employment (incl. Labor Disputes)	2365.1	2376.2	2418.0	-0.5%	-2.2%
Unemployment	170.3	160.0	126.4	6.4%	34.7%
Unemployment Rate	6.7%	6.3%	5.0%	.....	.....
Seasonally Adjusted					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	2559.7	2568.8	2575.9	-0.4%	-0.6%
Employment (incl. Labor Disputes)	2413.4	2432.1	2467.3	-0.8%	-2.2%
Unemployment	146.3	136.6	108.6	7.1%	34.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.7%	5.3%	4.2%	.....	.....

WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES MARCH Unadjusted	(In Thousands)			% Change	
	Latest Month	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS	2253.4	2246.9	2236.0	0.3%	0.8%
Contract Construction	69.8	68.0	72.2	2.6%	-3.3%
Manufacturing	540.6	542.3	551.4	-0.3%	-2.0%
Transportation, Communication and Public Utilities	106.4	105.9	103.8	0.5%	2.5%
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	17.3	17.2	17.2	0.6%	0.6%
Wholesale Trade	117.6	117.0	114.8	0.5%	2.4%
Retail Trade	406.2	405.0	406.7	0.3%	-0.1%
General Merchandise	51.1	51.7	53.2	-1.2%	-3.9%
Food Stores	61.4	61.5	60.9	-0.2%	0.8%
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	44.9	44.8	44.9	0.2%	0.0%
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	120.9	121.3	118.2	-0.3%	2.3%
Banks & Depository Institutions	39.3	39.4	39.1	-0.3%	0.5%
Insurance Carriers	43.2	43.1	41.0	0.2%	5.4%
Service and Miscellaneous	536.7	532.9	519.6	0.7%	3.3%
Business Services	79.7	79.3	78.8	0.5%	0.6%
Health Services	184.8	184.0	178.8	0.4%	2.9%
Hospitals	79.4	79.1	76.2	0.4%	4.2%
Private Education	28.9	28.6	27.4	1.0%	5.5%
Social Services	49.8	48.9	45.4	1.8%	9.7%
Government	353.6	353.0	347.5	0.2%	1.8%
State Government	90.9	90.6	89.6	0.3%	1.5%
Local Government	233.7	233.3	228.0	0.2%	2.5%

UNITED STATES LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES APRIL	(In Thousands)			% Change	
	Latest Month	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago
Seasonally Adjusted					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	125,672	125,326	124,781	0.3%	0.7%
Employment (incl. Labor Disputes)	117,398	116,754	118,090	0.6%	-0.6%
Unemployment	8,274	8,572	6,691	-3.5%	23.7%
Unemployment Rate	6.6%	6.8%	5.4%	.....	.....

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT Unadjusted MARCH	(In Thousands)			% Change	
	Latest Month	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago
All Manufacturing	540.6	542.3	551.4	-0.3%	-2.0%
Durable Goods	323.1	325.1	337.1	-0.6%	-4.2%
Lumber and Wood Products (Excl. Furniture)	25.5	25.4	26.8	0.4%	-4.9%
Millwork, Plywood & Related	13.2	13.1	14.4	0.8%	-8.3%
Furniture and Fixtures	12.5	12.4	12.9	0.8%	-3.1%
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	7.5	7.3	7.4	2.7%	1.4%
Primary Metal Industries	21.2	21.2	21.5	0.0%	-1.4%
Iron and Steel Foundries	11.3	11.2	11.2	0.9%	0.9%
Fabricated Metal Products	58.9	58.7	58.6	0.3%	0.5%
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	13.7	13.3	13.7	3.0%	0.0%
Metal Stampings	11.9	11.9	12.0	0.0%	-0.8%
Industrial Machinery	106.2	108.5	112.5	-2.1%	-5.6%
Engines and Turbines	13.7	15.4	18.0	-11.0%	-23.9%
Farm & Garden Machinery	12.2	12.3	12.8	-0.8%	-4.7%
Construction & Related Machinery	12.5	12.7	12.9	-1.6%	-3.1%
Metalworking Machinery	16.0	16.1	16.0	-0.6%	0.0%
Special Industry Machinery	13.0	13.0	13.5	0.0%	-3.7%
Gen. Industrial Mach. and Equip.	13.4	13.4	13.2	0.0%	1.5%
Electronic & Other Electrical Machinery	37.9	38.0	38.6	-0.3%	-1.8%
Electrical Industrial Apparatus	15.0	14.9	14.4	0.7%	4.2%
Transportation Equipment	22.7	22.9	27.7	-0.9%	-18.1%
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	15.6	15.6	19.9	0.0%	-21.6%
Instrument and Related Products	20.0	20.1	20.5	-0.5%	-2.4%
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	10.7	10.6	10.7	0.9%	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	217.5	217.2	214.3	0.1%	1.5%
Food and Kindred Products	60.9	60.5	60.2	0.7%	1.2%
Meat Products	15.6	15.3	15.1	2.0%	3.3%
Dairy Products	16.9	16.9	17.0	0.0%	-0.6%
Preserved Fruits & Vegetables	9.8	9.9	9.5	-1.0%	3.2%
Textile Mill Products	3.9	3.9	4.3	0.0%	-9.3%
Apparel and Other Textiles	6.8	6.8	7.0	0.0%	-2.9%
Paper and Allied Products	50.7	50.6	50.2	0.2%	1.0%
Paper Mills	30.3	30.2	29.7	0.3%	2.0%
Printing, Publishing and Allied Products	47.8	47.7	46.3	0.2%	3.2%
Newspapers	13.1	13.1	12.6	0.0%	4.0%
Commercial Printing	22.9	22.7	21.9	0.9%	4.6%
Chemicals and Allied Products	11.1	11.1	10.8	0.0%	2.8%
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	29.8	30.2	28.9	-1.3%	3.1%
Miscellaneous Plastics Products	23.7	24.0	24.2	-1.3%	-2.1%
Leather & Leather Products	6.1	6.1	6.3	0.0%	-3.2%

WISCONSIN EARNINGS AND HOURS DATA

EARNINGS AND HOURS Unadjusted MARCH	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours		
	Latest Mo.	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Latest Mo.	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago
All Manufacturing	\$462.76	\$462.67	\$460.24	40.7	40.8	41.5
Durable Goods	465.53	465.03	464.54	40.8	40.9	41.7
Lumber and Wood Products (Excl. Furniture)	334.84	327.66	333.56	38.8	38.1	39.9
Furniture and Fixtures	351.92	342.09	360.14	38.8	37.8	41.3
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	487.73	468.95	460.87	43.2	41.5	44.4
Primary Metal Industries	455.22	474.33	457.29	40.5	42.2	41.8
Iron and Steel Foundries	462.76	493.28	482.18	42.3	44.6	44.4
Fabricated Metal Products	433.90	440.90	429.73	40.4	40.9	41.4
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	461.32	460.46	443.72	41.9	42.4	41.9
Metal Stampings	467.31	455.13	449.40	40.6	40.6	42.0
Industrial Machinery	546.13	537.63	536.36	42.7	42.4	43.5
Engines and Turbines	586.04	535.26	574.91	41.8	38.9	41.6
Farm & Garden Machinery	546.13	537.21	536.76	42.5	42.4	42.6
Construction & Related Machinery	601.94	609.66	604.22	42.6	43.3	46.3
Metalworking Machinery	577.43	579.74	568.11	42.9	43.2	43.6
Special Industry Machinery	565.94	561.95	554.85	43.5	43.8	45.0
Gen. Industrial Mach. and Equip.	457.44	468.26	459.85	41.1	42.3	43.3
Electronic & Other Electrical Machinery	409.85	412.05	394.36	40.3	41.0	40.2
Electrical Industrial Apparatus	415.93	418.90	401.80	41.1	42.1	40.1
Transportation Equipment	580.76	570.47	623.92	39.4	39.1	42.1
Instrument and Related Products	473.53	464.86	422.87	40.3	39.8	38.2
Nondurable Goods	458.87	459.91	453.61	40.5	40.7	41.2
Food and Kindred Products	425.32	434.02	431.50	40.2	41.1	40.9
Meat Products	379.86	406.43	406.64	39.0	41.9	41.2
Dairy Products	423.72	414.53	427.04	41.5	40.8	41.5
Textile Mill Products	411.03	421.48	368.87	40.1	41.0	41.4
Apparel and Other Textiles	291.95	288.00	263.90	39.4	38.4	37.7
Paper and Allied Products	618.28	609.26	596.70	44.1	43.8	44.2
Paper Mills	689.04	674.18	664.41	46.4	45.8	46.3
Printing, Publishing and Allied Products	438.38	446.12	455.07	37.5	38.0	39.4
Chemicals and Allied Products	418.97	423.05	415.76	39.6	39.5	39.9
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	365.64	361.95	354.48	39.7	39.3	40.1
Leather & Leather Products	296.42	294.13	281.70	38.9	38.1	40.3

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Unadjusted MARCH	Including Overtime			Excluding Overtime		
	Latest Mo.	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Latest Mo.	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago
All Manufacturing (Incl. Canning)	\$11.37	\$11.34	\$11.09	\$10.94	\$10.88	\$10.59
Durable Goods	11.41	11.37	11.14	11.01	10.95	10.65
Lumber and Wood Products (Excl. Furniture)	8.63	8.60	8.36	8.41	8.35	8.05
Furniture and Fixtures	9.07	9.05	8.72	8.88	8.84	8.37
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	11.29	11.30	10.38	10.52	10.53	9.67
Primary Metal Industries	11.24	11.24	10.94	10.72	10.65	10.35
Iron and Steel Foundries	10.94	11.06	10.86	10.44	10.41	10.18
Fabricated Metal Products	10.74	10.78	10.38	10.44	10.39	9.95
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	11.01	10.86	10.59	10.67	10.49	10.09
Metal Stampings	11.51	11.21	10.70	11.17	10.84	10.30
Industrial Machinery	12.79	12.68	12.33	12.30	12.21	11.71
Engines and Turbines	14.02	13.76	13.82	13.55	13.46	13.14
Farm & Garden Machinery	12.85	12.67	12.60	12.48	12.26	12.10
Construction & Related Machinery	14.13	14.08	13.05	13.71	13.64	12.39
Metalworking Machinery	13.46	13.42	13.03	12.81	12.77	12.39
Special Industry Machinery	13.01	12.83	12.33	12.38	12.18	11.60
Gen. Industrial Mach. and Equip.	11.13	11.07	10.62	10.81	10.69	10.20
Electronic & Other Electrical Machinery	10.17	10.05	9.81	9.88	9.76	9.54
Electrical Industrial Apparatus	10.12	9.95	10.02	9.87	9.65	9.73
Transportation Equipment	14.74	14.59	14.82	14.14	14.04	14.07
Instrument and Related Products	11.75	11.68	11.07	11.30	11.21	10.91
Nondurable Goods	11.33	11.30	11.01	10.84	10.79	10.48
Food and Kindred Products	10.58	10.56	10.55	10.14	10.03	10.07
Meat Products	9.74	9.70	9.87	9.33	9.15	9.40
Dairy Products	10.21	10.16	10.29	9.73	9.68	9.80
Textile Mill Products	10.25	10.28	8.91	10.15	10.09	8.57
Apparel and Other Textiles	7.41	7.50	7.00	7.19	7.26	6.89
Paper and Allied Products	14.02	13.91	13.50	13.24	13.14	12.74
Paper Mills	14.85	14.72	14.35	13.97	13.86	13.47
Printing, Publishing and Allied Products	11.69	11.74	11.55	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Chemicals and Allied Products	10.58	10.71	10.42	10.29	10.36	10.08
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	9.21	9.21	8.84	8.88	8.89	8.41
Leather & Leather Products	7.62	7.72	6.99	7.35	7.41	6.75

SUMMARY OF AREA DATA

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT Unadjusted MARCH	(In Thousands)			% Change	
	Latest Month	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago
United States	18274.0	18342.0	19109.0	-0.4%	-4.4%
Wisconsin	540.6	542.3	551.4	-0.3%	-2.0%
Appleton-Oshkosh (Calumet- Winnebago-Outagamie)	52.1	51.9	53.3	0.4%	-2.3%
Eau Claire (Eau Claire- Chippewa)	10.8	10.9	9.9	-0.9%	9.1%
Green Bay (Brown County)	22.8	22.6	22.7	0.9%	-0.4%
Janesville-Beloit (Rock Co.)	16.3	15.7	19.1	3.8%	-14.7%
Kenosha (County)	9.3	9.3	9.9	0.0%	-6.1%
La Crosse (County)	10.7	10.7	10.5	0.0%	1.9%
Madison (Dane County)	26.1	25.9	25.1	0.8%	4.0%
Milwaukee (Milwaukee-Ozaukee- Washington-Waukesha)	171.2	172.9	175.6	-1.0%	-2.5%
Racine (County)	25.8	25.9	26.6	-0.4%	-3.0%
Sheboygan (County)	21.7	21.8	21.5	-0.5%	0.9%
Wausau (Marathon County)	14.5	14.4	14.8	0.7%	-2.0%

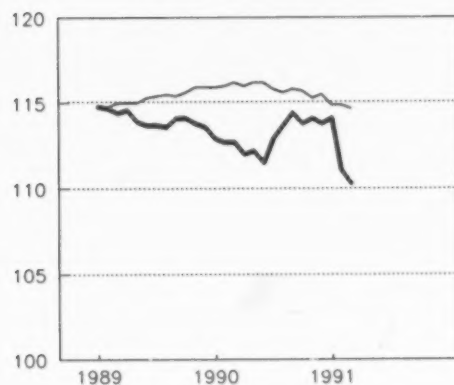
EARNINGS AND HOURS, MFG. Production Workers (Unadjusted) MARCH	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			
	Latest Month	Month Ago	Year Ago	Latest Month	Month Ago	Year Ago	Incl. Overtime		Excl. Overtime	
							Latest Month	Month Ago	Latest Month	Month Ago
United States	\$444.31	\$440.10	\$437.53	40.1	39.9	40.7	\$11.08	\$11.03	.....	.....
Wisconsin	462.76	462.67	460.24	40.7	40.8	41.5	11.37	11.34	10.94	10.88
Appleton-Oshkosh (Calumet- Winnebago-Outagamie)	519.44	516.53	510.84	42.3	42.2	43.0	12.28	12.24	11.74	11.67
Eau Claire (Eau Claire- Chippewa)	551.45	558.30	481.05	44.4	44.7	45.0	12.42	12.49	11.82	11.95
Green Bay (Brown County)	518.33	523.08	493.64	41.7	42.7	41.0	12.43	12.25	11.80	11.55
Janesville-Beloit (Rock Co.)	587.73	616.08	532.03	42.9	45.3	41.5	13.70	13.60	13.24	13.00
Kenosha (County)	439.88	446.35	490.23	39.1	39.5	41.9	11.25	11.30	10.83	10.92
La Crosse (County)	419.76	416.48	379.66	42.4	41.4	39.1	9.90	10.06	9.52	9.70
Madison (Dane County)	444.39	446.54	423.86	41.3	41.5	40.6	10.76	10.76	10.30	10.29
Milwaukee (Milwaukee-Ozaukee- Washington-Waukesha)	496.51	495.30	496.58	41.0	40.9	41.8	12.11	12.11	11.62	11.58
Racine (County)	471.63	466.76	439.43	39.5	38.8	39.2	11.94	12.03	11.55	11.61
Sheboygan (County)	435.60	446.22	443.09	39.6	40.2	40.8	11.00	11.10	10.63	10.64
Wausau (Marathon County)	461.76	448.63	460.40	41.6	40.2	42.2	11.10	11.16	10.70	10.73

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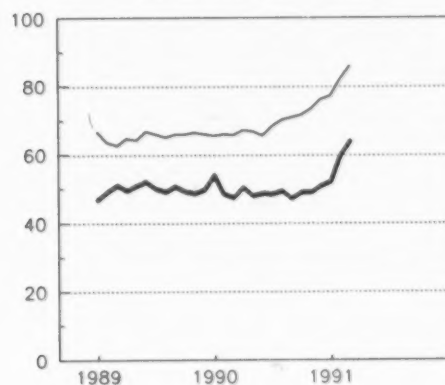
	MARCH, 1991		MO. AGO		YR. AGO	
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Total Employment (thous.)	2413.4	116,754	2432.1	116,918	2467.3	118,235
Total Unemployment (thous.)	146.3	8,572	136.6	8,158	108.6	6,563
Initial Claims	11,177	N.A.	11,066	489,000	7,882	350,000
Unemployment Rate (percent)	5.7%	6.8%	5.3%	6.5%	4.2%	5.3%

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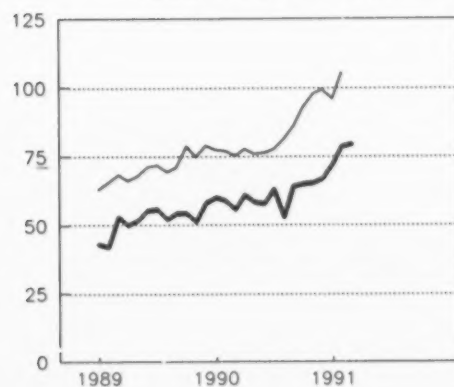
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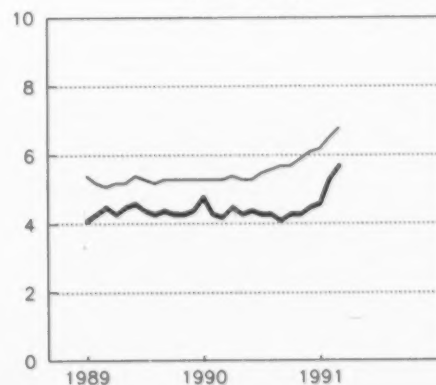
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Unemployment Rate
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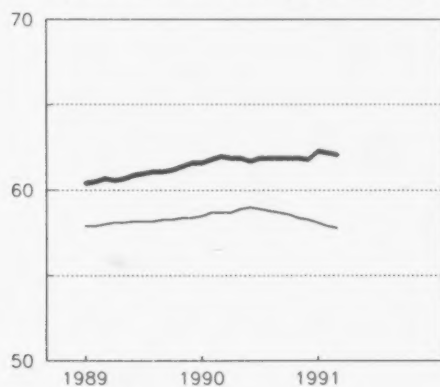


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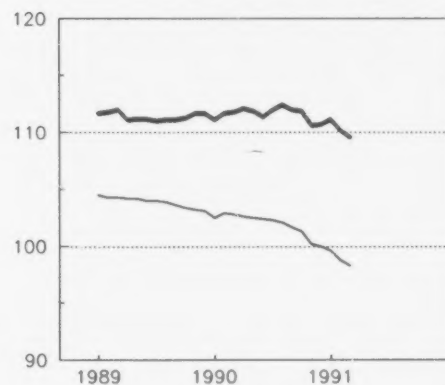
	MARCH, 1991		MO. AGO		YR. AGO	
	WI.	U.S.	WI.	U.S.	WI.	U.S.
Employment Rate (percent)	62.1	57.8	62.2	57.9	62.0	58.7
Manufacturing Empl. (thous.)	549.9	18,374	552.8	18,466	561.0	19,217
Avg. Workweek, Mfg. (hours)	40.9	40.1	41.0	40.3	41.7	40.8
Avg. Weekly Earnings, Mfg.	\$462.76	\$444.31	\$462.67	\$440.10	\$448.54	\$430.36

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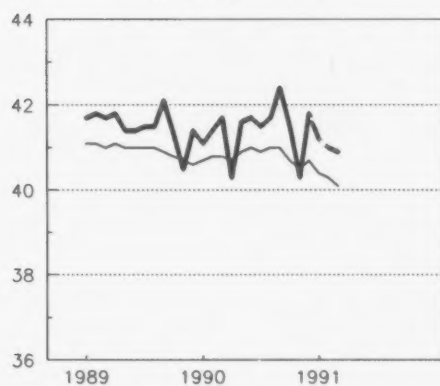
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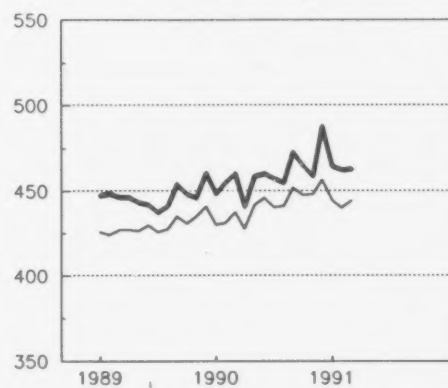
Manufacturing Employment
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Avg. Workweek, Mfg.
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Avg. Weekly Earnings, Mfg.
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